



50-State Comparison: English Learner Policies

Percentage and number of English learners

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Data from the [National Center for Education Statistics](#). View the full 50-State Comparison: English Learner Policies [here](#).

STATE	PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF ENGLISH LEARNERS (2017)
Alabama	3.5 percent 25,212
Alaska	12.1 percent 15,623
Arizona	8.1 percent 88,629
Arkansas	8.3 percent 39,836
California	19.2 percent 1,197,296
Colorado	11.9 percent 104,299
Connecticut	7.4 percent 38,089
Delaware	9.1 percent 12,296
District of Columbia	10.9 percent 8,145
Florida	10.1 percent 280,540
Georgia	6.6 percent 113,605
Hawaii	8.2 percent 14,773

STATE	PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF ENGLISH LEARNERS (2017)
Idaho	6.0 percent 17,849
Illinois	11.3 percent 217,790
Indiana	5.4 percent 55,607
Iowa	6.1 percent 29,473
Kansas	10.3 percent 49,238
Kentucky	3.9 percent 25,653
Louisiana	3.6 percent 25,060
Maine	3.3 percent 5,775
Maryland	9.2 percent 79,656
Massachusetts	10.0 percent 93,217
Michigan	6.6 percent 97,837
Minnesota	8.5 percent 73,203
Mississippi	2.7 percent 12,865
Missouri	3.8 percent 33,925
Montana	2.2 percent 3,191
Nebraska	7.6 percent 23,332
Nevada	17.1 percent 81,635
New Hampshire	2.8 percent 4,988

STATE	PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF ENGLISH LEARNERS (2017)
New Jersey	5.9 percent 79,574
New Mexico	16.3 percent 52,892
New York	9.2 percent 243,737
North Carolina	6.9 percent 105,801
North Dakota	3.4 percent 3,669
Ohio	3.2 percent 53,392
Oklahoma	8.0 percent 52,200
Oregon	8.8 percent 51,036
Pennsylvania	3.6 percent 61,724
Rhode Island	9.0 percent 12,620
South Carolina	6.1 percent 45,574
South Dakota	4.1 percent 5,452
Tennessee	4.6 percent 44,790
Texas	18.0 percent 926,325
Utah	7.1 percent 46,220
Vermont	2.2 percent 1,770
Virginia	9.1 percent 114,739
Washington	11.7 percent 127,777

STATE	PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF ENGLISH LEARNERS (2017)
West Virginia	0.8 percent 2,035
Wisconsin	6.2 percent 49,905
Wyoming	3.0 percent 2,839